

EDITORIAL.

Do you know that there is not a vacant house or store building in our entire town? Prosperity is the keynote to the situation. It has been a hard year for the Campbell system farmer but the activities under the canal and high price of wool have left us secure in the knowledge that wealth in quantities is being produced around us and its reflection in the town is apparent.

The completion of the Pecos Valley Hotel and the residence of G. M. McKinney indicates a tendency to return to the old adobe form of construction. Adobe was for ages the only building material for this southwestern country but in recent years it has been replaced by brick, concrete and cement blocks. Now we find the adobe coming back into favor—and with very good reason for adobe reinforced by concrete or pure cement makes a cheap but durable form of construction. It is well known that adobe makes a building that in summer is cool and in winter warm and with the aid of "pebble dash" or cement used as veneer to reinforce it and increase its durability and artistic effect, its revival is quite natural.

There is a constantly growing demand here for a good second story hall. The Woodmen of the World shift from one hall to another and are veritably without a home. The Masons and the Odd Fellows would undoubtedly organize if they had a suitable and permanent meeting place where some degree of secrecy could be assured. There are many strong Catholic organizations that should have branches here and the Elks too, can form a club here that will be a credit to the community and a pleasure to themselves. This may seem call for some public spirited citizen as a leader but it does not. Where are our shrewd capitalists? Here is an opportunity for a profitable, paying investment, the success of which is absolutely assured and the builder will at the same time, be greatly benefiting the community.

The shipments of wool from Fort Sumner this year are practically double those of last year. This is the natural result of the increased growth of our town and as the town is made more attractive to the sheep man who wants to market his products and purchase supplies the shipments will continue to increase. There is another feature of the sheep industry that will doubtless add greatly to the growth of Fort Sumner and that is the lamb feeding industry. New York and the New England states hunger for alfalfa fed spring lamb and the prices that the delicacy brings are almost unbelievable. The lamb feeders of Colorado have grown wealthy through feeding Wyoming and New Mexico lambs. The development of such an industry here simply awaits the increased production of alfalfa.

The telephone plant is nearing completion, city water is being piped throughout our streets, the irrigation of the entire townsite simply awaits the final touches on the big pumping plant and we are in many ways taking on metropolitan airs. Most of this is, of course, simply a reflection of valley's development under irrigation and calls to mind the pertinent fact that it is time to seriously consider Rural Free Delivery for this district. Rural Free Delivery puts the farmers and the city in closer communication, mingles them more freely socially, heightens the ideals of both and tends strongly to produce in one a desire for the creature comforts of life in town and in the other a greater knowledge

and desire for the products of the farm. All this means an increased exchange of products, more business for our merchants and greater comfort for our farmers. Is it not within the province of the Fort Sumner Commercial Club to investigate the matter of Rural Free Delivery?

"Great oaks from little acorns grow" and it is truly a part of the Maker's plan that the slower and steadier the growth the stronger and safer the resultant plant. Fort Sumner's growth is as sure and steady as the rising and setting of the sun—each day sees something done. Cities of mushroom growth may rise around us, likewise they must die around us, while we go on forever. Irrigation, solid and sure, is the rock on which we stand and the produce of a rich soil, watered by science and warmed by providence is the food on which we thrive. No human force can check the productivity of these acres, no human force can check the onward march of our city. On, on, on, in the very nature of things, we must go on to a successful future in which the limits are unmarked.

Summer Culture No. 5.

By H. W. CAMPBELL.

In our last number (July) we devoted considerable space to the question of plowing. The question now is that of after cultivation, following the plowing of the summer tilled ground. In a recent trip through Texas, from there up into the Dakotas, and quite an extended drive among the farmers proves to us that we have not put too much stress in our articles in the past calling the attention of the farmer to certain ideal condition of the soil, so vital, to the successful growth of the plant. We find fields all over the country where they seem to be trying to carry out our ideas, but have apparently only grasped the mechanical work which we referred to. And this, without sufficient comprehension of the real object of the work.

Our greatest criticism may be put upon the use of the disk harrow after plowing forming a mulch altogether too deep. Now this may be all right if a heavy rain follows in the future, which would dissolve and settle the mulch, giving the farmer an opportunity to use the common steel harrow, or the acme harrow in restoring a mulch of the proper depth. Permit us to call attention to a minute description of the ideal physical condition so much desired. In the early work of summer tilling, which includes the disking in early spring and subsequent harrowing after rains, we have not only succeeded in storing quite a per cent. of moisture below, but by holding the moisture in the firm soil near the surface we have the most ideal condition for promoting nitrification or decomposition.

Through this process of chemical action, much of the important elements for promoting plant growth are developed. Now we have proceeded to plow from six to seven inches deep. Our next step is a vital one that of getting the lower portion of this plowed ground as fine and firm as possible. This fine, firm condition of the soil should obtain to within two or two and a half inches of the surface. This two to two and a half inches of ground should be loose, composed mainly of small lumps. Any looseness or small cavities existing in the lower portion of the soil which we so much desire should be firm, will surely militate against the growth and development of the plant. Right here is one of the most important point for the farmer to understand. Elsewhere we have discussed at quite a

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length this fine firm seed bed and its importance, but we wish to impress upon the mind of the reader that a slight difference in the physical or mechanical condition of this soil, in a season of light rainfall or in seasons when there may be an abundance of rain, but coming usually in light showers or drizzling rains may make a difference of 25 or even 50 per cent in the yield of the crop. In other words, there may be two strong broad points made, which govern very largely the magnitude of the yield as well as the quality of the grain. One of these is that of handling the soil during the heated part of the season while summer tilling so as to promote nitrification and chemical actions which follow. This can only be accomplished when the soil that is firm under mulch carries the least amount of air and the largest per cent of capillary water. The other point is that ideal fine firm moist seed and root bed. One that is favorable to the rapid growth and prolific development of the roots.

What Money Can't Buy.
Money can't buy everything: There are no admission tickets to a sunset; you wouldn't trade the look in your boy's eyes when he greets you at night, for a million dollars, of anybody's money; and if you keep a well-furnished mind you can go into it any time you like as you would into a child's playground and amuse yourself watching your thoughts play leap-frog with each other.—Lillian Pascal Day, in Success Magazine.

Different Results.
The man who learns to say no generally succeeds in this world, while the woman is likely to find herself an old maid.—Puck.

THIEF LONGS TO BE HONEST.

Always Aches to Get Back into Respectable Society from Which He Is Barred.

The thief in the community is very much like the boy whose meanness or ruffianism has caused the other little children to band together to ostracize him. He may move about with a sullen swagger, carry a chip on his shoulder and a vicious gleam in his eye, but there is always a sob in his throat. So the thief is longing and aching to get back in the circle out of which he has been ruled. If any honest man wants to meet lively gratitude let him knowingly give the countenance of his company to a crook. It will be a favor never forgotten. Every lawyer practicing at the criminal bar knows this. One very well known practitioner of genial personality and large tolerance occasionally takes a client to dinner at a good restaurant or braves an appearance with him at a theater. There have been embarrassing results, due to the criminal's gratitude.

"After one of these evenings," the lawyer laughingly told me, "I'm kept for days dodging and returning presents sent by the crook—watches, scarf pins, cuff links, now and then a valuable painting or a Persian rug—all belonging to somebody else."

The World Demands the Best.
Every piece of work which is not as good as you can make it, which you have palmed off imperfect, meagerly thought, shoddily executed, upon mankind, who is your paymaster on parole, and in a sense your pupil, every hasty or slovenly or untrue performance should rise up against you in the court of your own heart and condemn you for a thief.—R. L. Stevenson.

Peace.
There will be universal peace as soon as the members of the standing armies are compelled to work as hard for their living as other people must.

Necessity for Iron.
The nature which is all wood and straw is of no use; if we are to do well, we must have some iron in us.—Canon Farrar.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, Aug. 11, 1909.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Ivy Walker, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 16818, made April 1, 1907, for sec. 1-4, section 23, Township 2 S., Range 26 E., N. 10 P. Meridian, by Henry G. Collins, Contestee, in which it is alleged that Henry G. Collins has not complied with the law in holding said land and has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months last past and next prior to filing said affidavit said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on Oct. 9, 1909, before W. H. Parker, U. S. Comm. at his office in Roswell, N. M., and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on Oct. 18, 1909, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.
The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed August 11, 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

T. C. Tillotson, Register.

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Serial No. 65909
(Not Coal Land)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 13, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Charles Watney, of Roswell, N. M., who on March 7, 1906, made Homestead Entry No. 16180, for sec. 1-4, Section 23, Township 2 S., Range 26 E., N. 10 P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. M. Weddington, U. S. Comm., at Roswell, N. M., on the 15th day of Oct. 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas J. Jones, Charles E. Turner, Henry Hancock, J. M. Gorman; all of Roswell, N. M.

MANUEL R. OTERO, Register.

First Aug 14—last Sep 15

Serial No. 59561

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., July 31, 1909.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Thomas R. Grandson, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 14946, made March 16th, 1905, for (160 Acres) north-east quarter Section 25, Township 1 N., Range 26 E., by Winfred S. Horner, contestee, in which it is alleged that Winfred S. Horner, has failed to establish his residence in said land, and that said tract is not situated upon cultivated and improved by said party as required by law, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on Sept. 25, 1909, before W. M. Weddington, U. S. Comm. at Roswell, N. M., and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on Oct. 1, 1909, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.
The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed July 31, 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

T. C. TILLOTSON, Register.

First Aug 21—last Sep 25

Serial 65224

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., July 30, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Cecil G. Smith, of Banks, N. M., who on Sept. 20, 1907, made Homestead Entry No. 15444, for sec. 1-4, Section 23, Township 2 S., Range 26 E., N. 10 P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before D. J. Townley, U. S. Comm., at his office in La Lande, N. M., on the 12th day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: T. W. Norman, of La Lande, N. M.; F. P. Hawkins, J. C. Smith and T. J. Bauer, of Banks, N. M.

T. C. TILLOTSON, Register.

1st Aug 28—last Oct 2

Serial 67708

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., July 30, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Cecil G. Smith, of Banks, N. M., who on Aug. 19, 1907, made Homestead Entry 15772, Serial No. 67708, for sec. 1-4, Section 23, Township 2 S., Range 26 E., N. 10 P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before D. J. Townley, U. S. Comm., at his office in La Lande, N. M., on the 7th day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: F. P. Hawkins, J. L. Lang, T. J. Baker, W. E. Leonard; all of Banks, N. M.

T. C. TILLOTSON, Register.

1st Aug 28—last Oct 2

Serial 68294

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., Aug. 3, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that David H. Williams, of Roswell, N. M., who on April 6, 1906, made Homestead Entry No. 20908, Serial 68294, for sec. 1-4, Section 30, Township 2 S., Range 26 E., N. 10 P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. M. Weddington, U. S. Comm., at Roswell, N. M., on the 9th day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: W. C. Williams, J. L. Maxwell, J. N. Line, W. E. Anderson; all of Roswell, N. M.

T. C. TILLOTSON, Register.

1st Aug 28—last Oct 2

01553

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., July 11, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Philip F. Kniele, of Buchanan, N. M., who on April 6, 1906, made Homestead Entry No. 14789, Serial No. 01553, for sec. 1-4, Section 1-4, Sec. 2, Township 1 N., Range 26 E., N. 10 P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before D. J. Townley, U. S. Comm., at his office in La Lande, N. M., on the 7th day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: John M. Pender Hale P. Newport, Claude Beckert, Nicholas W. Auerbach; all of Buchanan, N. M.

T. C. TILLOTSON, Register.

1st Aug 28—last Oct 2

Serial 68294

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., July 11, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Sarah C. Smith, of Banks, N. M., who on July 11, 1908, made Homestead Entry No. 16761, for sec. 1-4, Section 23, Township 2 S., Range 26 E., N. 10 P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before D. J. Townley, U. S. Comm., at his office in La Lande, N. M., on the 7th day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: T. J. Baker, J. L. Lang, Ira C. Smith, William Leonard; all of Banks, N. M.

T. C. TILLOTSON, Register.

1st Aug 28—last Oct 2